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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: GENEVA 2893, STATE 089227, MANILA 5135

1. CONSUL BAILEY HAS REPORTED TO A/DCM RESULTS OF HIS VISIT TO REFUGEES IN PUERTO PRINCESA, PALAWAN ON APRIL 15. HE REPORTS REFUGEES IN GOOD CONDITION WITH WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND ELDERLY HOUSED IN CATHOLIC SEMINARY WHILE SOME MEN REMAIN ABOARD BOATS. ON BASIS INITIAL, RAPID EXAMINATION, MOST OF GROUP APPEAR QUALIFIED FOR EVENTUAL ENTRY INTO U.S. BAILEY DID NOT SPEAK TO ANY LOCAL PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES. MEMBERS OF GROUP AND CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN WHOSE CARE THEY ARE SAID THAT LOCAL NAVY COMMANDER IS PLEASANT AND SYMPATHETIC. HOWEVER, SHORTLY AFTER GROUP'S ARRIVAL, HE TOLD THEM HE WAS UNDER ORDERS AND GAVE THEM TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO RE-EMBARK FOR "FINAL DESTINATION". THIS DEADLINE HAS BEEN PROGRESSIVELY EXTENDED, AND NO MORE HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT DEPARTURE FOR LAST COUPLE OF DAYS. IMPRESSION ON PART OF REFUGEES AND PRIESTS IS THAT GROUP WILL TACITLY BE ALLOWED TO STAY AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. BAILEY SAYS THAT HE BELIEVES SEMINARY WILL EVENTUALLY REQUIRE SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. BAILEY TOLD REFUGEES THAT THEY HAD NO NEED TO GO TO SUBIC; WERE THEY TO GO,
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THEY WOULD MERELY BE TOLD TO COME TO EMBASSY. EMBASSY HAD NOW

COME TO THEM, THUS ELIMINATING NEED FOR FURTHER WANDERING.
BAITEY SAYS HE BELIEVES THIS MESSAGE WAS UNDERSTOOD AND
ACCEPTED.

2. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO US THAT PRESSURE IS OFF, AT LEAST
FOR TIME BEING, ON MOVING REFUGEES TO SUBIC OR OTHER U.S.
MILITARY INSTALLATION. HOPEFULLY, PRESSURES FROM UNHCR AND
POSSIBLY CHURCH HERE WILL INDUCE GOP TO SHELVE IDEA ENTIERLY.
WE WILL BE REPORTING IN GREATER DETAIL ON SITUATION OF
REFUGEES.
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